Supply of out-dated machines in the CGHS DISPENSARY at South Avenue, New Delhi

1152. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that out-dated machines are supplied in th CeGHS Dispensary at Sinth Avenus, New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken against the doctors concerned;

(c) whether Government have received such complaints against other dispensaries also and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken against the officer found responsible?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Massive drive to avoid recurrence of Health Emergencies

1153. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government are working on a massive clean-up package to avoid recurrence of health emergencies like the recent outbreak of plague and win back the confidence of the the foreign investors, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) and (b) States Governments are being advised to revamp their public health systems for epidemic control and take steps to improve the civic and project infrastructure in keeping with public health requirements. A technical Advisory Committee on Plague has been set up with the task of suggesting measures for avoiding recurrence of outbreaks in future.

Spraying of insecticides in plague-affected areas

1154. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleaeesd to state·

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item that appeared on Page 1, Column 2-7 in 'The Statesman' dated 27th September, 1994 under the caption 'Use of D.D.T. Gamaxene may be costly dissembling' wherein it has been stated that spraying of these insecticides in plague-affected areas would not be effective and formulations recommended by World Health Organisation should have been used;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons for which these were used and how effective these proved in controlling plague;

(c) whether Government propose to secure more effective insecticide; if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C. SILVERA): (a) The news report has come to the notice of Government.

(b) to (d) As per available data on susceptibility status of Fleas gamaxena (HCH) is still considered a cost effective anti-flea insecticide. Following the use of HCH, flea density was found to have reduced appreciably.